

## **From the Superintendent's Desk**

### **Here We Go Again**

It is that time of year again when we have a couple of things to look forward to; basketball and snow days.

Boys and girls basketball is just beginning; you can find those schedules along with other school events on the district website ([www.ovsd.us](http://www.ovsd.us)). High school basketball is exciting as we root for our favorite teams and players. I encourage everyone to attend the games and support our youngsters. I also ask you to practice good sportsmanship; you can be a good fan without being rude. Please support all the student athletes, be a good role model and enjoy the games.

Snowy days are among the toughest days in a school superintendent's life. The decision to delay, close or keep school open is many times a very difficult decision.

We have administrators in each attendance area who travel the roads to check their condition. These folks normally begin their drive around 4:00 A.M. on those snowy mornings. They report conditions to the bus supervisor who confers with the superintendent and a decision is made and announced. That sounds easy enough. The problem is the weather doesn't always cooperate. It changes quickly as a snow storm may change direction and the forecast we were counting on is no longer accurate and conditions change quickly. Our district is approximately 487 square miles; the amount of snowfall on one side of the district may vary by inches on the other side of the district. Many days it is a tough decision.

We take the decision seriously and do our best to keep everyone safe. School closings will be announced through School Messenger and on C103 radio plus most area television stations.

The Holiday Season is upon us and I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.